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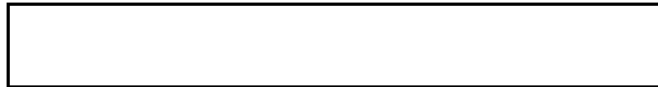
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11. (Secret - GLC) Bill Darden, on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, called. He referred to the fact that the Rusk Committee is meeting this Thursday evening in an attempt to finalize its paper. Darden said he had met with Jim Clarke, of the Bureau of the Budget, and John Richardson in times past, but was still a little unclear regarding the relationship of Richardson's organization to the others. He asked if we could arrange to have someone brief him on this. Later in the day I accompanied Mr. Cord Meyer and [redacted] to a meeting with Darden. Darden readily grasped the significance for distinction with respect to Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Mr. Meyer pointed out that these organizations would have to be dealt with separately probably after the first of the year. I also reminded Darden on the status of Senator Yarborough's bill, S. 1779, as a matter of information for him. Darden said he had lost sight of this and was glad to have this information. Darden said he was quite certain Senator Russell would indicate that his duties in the Senate had limited his participation in the Committee; however, he had not been dissatisfied with the way the organization had been funded through the Agency.

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